

HPMS E-Mail**Date: May 8, 2013****Subject: Reminder to submit valid SCC values on PDEs**

We have recently received a number of complaints and questions concerning reporting of the Submission Clarification Code (SCC) values on PDEs; therefore, we remind sponsors that a dispensing methodology-related SCC is required on Prescription Drug Event (PDE) records with a Date of Service on or after February 28, 2013 if the Patient Residence is "03" (Nursing Facility). As noted in the October 1, 2012 memo, "Revised Reporting Requirements for Prescriber Identifiers and Other Prescription Drug Event Fields," the SCC, if applicable, must be a valid short-cycle-related dispensing methodology value; that is, 16 or 21 through 36. We recognize that not all PDEs with the "03" Patient Residence will have a short-cycle-related dispensing SCC. If one of the valid codes is not reported by the pharmacy, the SCC must be blank. Also, if the Patient Residence is other than "03," the SCC must be blank. Please see the October 5, 2012 memo, "Correction to the PDE File Layout Associated with Appropriate Dispensing of Prescription Drugs in Long-Term Care Facilities," and the January 18, 2013 memo, "Updates to the Drug Data Processing System," for additional information.